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Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office action dated November 13, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on February 13, 2009.